

FOWEY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit my Report as M.O.H. of the
Fowey Port Health Authority for the year 1955 .

Section I. ----- Staff.

Table 'A' .

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appts. held
William H King	M.O.H. F.P.H.A.	1922	M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.	None
Ronald Callen	Sany. Inspr. to F.P.H.A.	1919	R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B. R.S.I. (Meat & Foods)	None

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William King	M.O.H. F.P.H.A.	1952	M.R.C.E. L.R.C.P.	None
Donald Allen	Sany. Insp. to F.P.H.A.	1919	R.S.I. & S.I.E.S. R.S.I. (Med & Food)	None

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SECTION II ----- AMOUNT OF SHIPPING INSPECTED DURING YEAR.

T A B L E 'B' .

Arrivals from	Number	Tonnage	No. inspected by		No. reported as having or having had infectious disease on board.
			M.O.H.	Sany. Inspr.	
FOREIGN					
Steam	10	20,871	-	10	None
Motor	138	44,997	-	138	"
	148	65,868	-	148	"
COASTWISE					
Steam	67	84,653	-	67	"
Motor	1202	273,915	-	1202	"
TOTAL	1417	424,436	-	1417	None

The above figures show an increase over 1954 of 217 ships and 31,577 tons. The ships were distributed as follows :-

POWEY >>>>>----- 484 ships, 249,384 tons.

OTHER HARBOURS ----- 933 ships, 175,052 tons.

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TOTAL	1417	424,438	-	1417	None

The above figures show an increase over 1924 of 217 ships

and 31,877 tons. The ships were distributed as follows :-

POWER 777 ships, 245,334 tons.

OTHER HARBOURS 640 ships, 179,104 tons.

During the summer months the export trade from Fowey came to a standstill owing to the Railway Strike; but the other Harbours, which were accessible to road transport, continued working to full capacity, especially at Par Harbour, where, in addition to an increased export of china clay, there has been an increase of import trade. For the first time on record there have been landings of potatoes and grain in addition to the usual coal, cement and timber.

SECTION III. Character of shipping & trade during year.

T A B L E 'C'

Passenger Traffic	No. of passengers Inwards	-----None
	" " OUTWARDS	----- 27
Cargo Traffic	Principal Imports	---- Coal, Timber, Felspar Cement.
	" Exports	---- China clay & china clay products.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive ----- European Ports.		

SECTION IV. Inland Barge Traffic.

None.

SECTION V. Water supply.

1). The water supplied to shipping is obtained from the mains of the Fowey Borough Council and pumped on board ships as required from pipes laid alongside the loading Jetties. The Fowey water undertaking is rather a complex one, consisting of the aggregate of a number of springs in the valley to the North of the town; and this has to be pumped up into various reservoirs on top of the hill in order to provide gravity feed for the higher residential levels.

For many years there has been an acute shortage of water during the summer months, and particularly so in the dry summer of 1955. The projected scheme for the intake of water from the river Fowey above Lostwithiel, pumping up to a new reservoir near the Fowey-Bodmin road, and delivering from thence by gravity to the whole Fowey area, has, to date, not got much farther than the 'blue-print' stage. It is hoped that something may materialise from the said scheme before many more months have elapsed, as the steady annual increase of new houses makes the water question more and more difficult, with no more water available from the current sources of supply.

2). Bacteriological tests are carried out at regular intervals and samples are sent to Truro. During the year the water was reported as "satisfactory for drinking purposes".

3). Hydrants and hoses are regularly inspected and renewed as necessary.

4). There are no water-boats in use in the Port.

SECTION VI. ----- Public Health (Ships) Regulations. 1952.

No ~~cha~~ change in the arrangements previously detailed. The 'Yellow Form previously issued to Masters of vessels entering the Port has been amended to suit the new Regulations.

Fowey is now a "Designated Approved Port" under the above Regulations.

SECTION VII. ----- Smallpox.

Cases of smallpox or any other infectious disease arising on ~~XXXX~~ vessels using the Port are sent to the County Isolation Hospital at Truro from whence a special Ambulance is available on demand.

The smallpox Consultant available is Dr. J. G. Molony of 13. Lemon Street, Truro

SECTION VIII. Venereal Disease.

Masters of ships are handed a leaflet on arrival giving details of the nearest Clinics and times of consultation.

I have been authorised by the County Venereologist to give treatment to sailors when required.

SECTION IX. Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease.

There were no cases of such arising during the year. Should a case have occurred the County Isolation Hospital at Truro would have been at once informed and would have accepted responsibility for removal of the case from the ship. Appropriate measures of disinfection and, where necessary, revaccination would be carried out.

During the summer months certain Ports in Brittany were notified as being infected with smallpox. Any ships arriving therefrom were kept under careful observation during their stay and the International Vaccination Certificates checked. Conditions are now reported as normal. It is understood that there were, in all, 15 deaths and a mortality rate of about 20 %.

SECTION X. ----- Occurrence of malaria in ships.

No such cases have come under notice during the year,

SECTION XII. ----- Measures against Rodents.

The Sanitary Inspector goes through every ship soon after arrival and notes whether there are traces of an unusual number of rats. Traps and baits of "Warfarin" .025 % have been used as a method of destruction 3 Black and 5 Brown have been recovered.

On shore the Rodent Operator employed by British Railways keeps the rodent population under control by baiting and trapping.

If there is any suspicious mortality amongst the rats carcasses are sent for examination to the County Pathologist at Truro.

No carcasses were sent during the current year.

For deratting ships locally sulphur dioxide fumigation is available and the Sanitary Inspector has experience in carrying this out. The usual rat-proofing methods are carried out. The number of land rats is infinitesimal as there are no food stores or granaries on the Jetties.

T A B L E 'F'

Deratting Certs. and Deratting Exemption Certs. issued
during year for ships from abroad.

No of Deratting Certs issued		No. of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued		TOTAL	
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning		
HCn	Other fumigant	-	-		
-	-	-	-	87	87

SECTION XIII. Inspection of ships for nuisances.

T A B L E 'G'

Inspections and Notices.

Net tonnage	No. of ships inspected	No. of Derat- -isation Certs issued	No. of Deratish. Exemption Certs issued	Total No. of Certs.
Up to 300 tons	I, I29	-	66	66
301 - 1000	241	-	17	17
1001 - 3000	30	-	3	3
3001 - 10,000	17	-	1	1
	I, 417	-	87	87

TABLE 7

Detaching Cards, and Detaching Examination Cards, Issued
During Year for Ships from 1900

No. of Detaching Cards Issued		No. of Detaching Cards Issued		No. of Detaching Cards Issued	
After Examination		After Examination		After Examination	
With		With		With	
Other		Other		Other	
Examination		Examination		Examination	
Cards		Cards		Cards	
Issued		Issued		Issued	
Total		Total		Total	
87		87		87	

Examination Cards Issued for Examination

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Net tonnage	No. of ships inspected	No. of Detaching Cards Issued	No. of Detaching Examination Cards Issued	Total No. of Cards
up to 300 tons	1,183	-	88	88
301 - 1000	241	-	17	17
1001 - 3000	30	-	3	3
3001 - 10,000	17	-	1	1
	1,471	-	87	87

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Nationality of Vessels	Number inspected	Defects of original construction	Defects Thro' Wear & Tear	Dirt, vermin etc.
BRITISH	613	-	19	29
Other Nations	804	I	25	29
TOTAL	1,417	I	44	58

SECTION IV. Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations. 1948.

The fine weather during the summer of 1955 has suited the shell-fish layings in the Fowey River very well and more oysters than usual have been marketed. The purification technique employed appears to be in every way satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

William H. King

M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P.

(Surgeon-Lieut-Cdr.R.N.
RET)

The Minister of Health .

